

REMARKS

Claims 4-12 and 14 -16 are now in the application. By this Amendment, claims 4-12 have been amended and claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The indication that claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations from the claims from which they depend is hereby noted with appreciation. Accordingly, claims 4-6 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations from prior claim 1. In addition, claims 14, 15 and 16 have been added which correspond to claims 4-6, respectively, but rewritten in independent form and including all limitations from prior claim 2.

The July 15, 2008 Notice of Non-compliant Amendment asserts that claim 13 has been previously canceled, and that, therefore, the new claim 13 added in the May 15, 2008 Amendment fails to comply with formal requirements. Further, claim 12 is amended to recite the feature "anyone of." In addition, claim 14 is indicated as being new but contains an underlined claim feature. By this Amendment, the pending claims are presented in a form complying with formal requirements.

In view of the above amendments, claims 7-12 have been amended to no longer depend from claims 1 and 2. The amendments to the claims and newly presented claims do not introduce any new matter or raise any new issues. Also the absolute number of claims is not increased by this amendment because of the presence of multiple dependent claims.

The rejections of claims 1, 2 and 7-12 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of the claims 1 and 2 and the above amendments to the claims.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the currently amended claims are in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21095-00008-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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